GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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STALL HOLDERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways had earlier declared that the small stall holders belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes categories would not be taken under the purview of the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) regarding the licensing policy ;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that these stall holders are now being brought under IRCTC without changing the policy ; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c) : There is no such policy of retaining catering units of reserved categories with railways. All catering units on Indian Railways are to be transferred to Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) in phases. Presently all categories of catering units at D, E, and F category stations are allotted and managed by the railways. Reserved units at A, B, and C category stations are to be allotted by the Divisional Railway Managers and handed over to IRCTC for management. All unreserved units at A, B, and C category stations are now allotted and managed by IRCTC.